K. A. Applegate

Katherine Alice Applegate (born October 9, 1956)[1] is an American young adult and children's fiction writer, best known as the author of the *Animorphs*, *Remnants*, *Everworld*, and other book series. She won the 2013 Newbery Medal for her 2012 children's novel *The One and Only Ivan*.[2][3] Applegate's most popular books are science fiction, fantasy, and adventure novels. She won the Best New Children's Book Series Award in 1997 in *Publishers Weekly*. Her book *Home of the Brave* has won several awards.[4][5][6] She also wrote a chapter book series in 2008–09 called *Roscoe Riley Rules*.

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K. A. Applegate at the 2013 Texas Book Festival.

Born	Katherine Alice Applegate October 9, 1956 Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States
Pen name	L. E. Blair; Katherine Kendall; Beth Kincaid; A. R. Plumb; Pat Pollari
Occupation	Writer
Nationality	American
Period	1991–2003, 2019–present
Genre	Children's fantasy, science fiction, adventure novels
Notable works	*The One and Only Ivan*, *Animorphs*
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Spouse	Michael Grant
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Life and career

Applegate was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan.[7] Since then she has lived in Texas, Florida, California, Illinois, and North Carolina. After living in Pelago, Italy for a year, she moved back to Irvine, in Southern California. In 1997, she and her husband, Michael Grant, her co-author on many projects including *Animorphs* and *Everworld*, had their first child, who is a transgender woman[8]. In 2003 they adopted a daughter, Julia, from China.[9] Following the end of *Remnants*, Applegate took three years off. She is back at work and has written a picture book called *Buffalo Storm*, a middle reader novel called *Home of the Brave* and an early chapters series *Roscoe Riley Rules* with HarperCollins. Her book *Home of the Brave* has won the SCBWI 2008 Golden Kite Award for Best Fiction,[10] the Bank Street 2008 Josette Frank Award,[11] and is a Judy Lopez Memorial Award honor book.[12]

Applegate won the 2013 Newbery Medal for *The One and Only Ivan*, drawn by Patricia Castelao and published by HarperCollins. This annual award, granted by the American Library Association, recognizes the previous year's "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children." The story is written from the viewpoint of a gorilla living in a glass cage in a shopping mall. According to the award committee, "Katherine Applegate gives readers a unique and unforgettable gorilla's-eye-view of the world that challenges the way we look at animals and at ourselves." [2][3]

Selected works

Picture books

- *Jack Rabbit and the Beanstalk* (1997)
- *The Buffalo Storm* (2007)

Animorphs series

Companion books

Collection of *Animorphs* books.

- *Megamorphs 1: The Andalite's Gift* (1997)
- *Megamorphs 2: In the Time of Dinosaurs* (1998)
- *Megamorphs 3: Elfangor's Secret* (1999)
- *Megamorphs 4: Back to Before* (2000)
- *The Andalite Chronicles* (1997)
- *The Hork-Bajir Chronicles*(1998)
- *The Ellimist Chronicles* (2000)
- *Visser* (2000)
- *Alternamorphs 1: The First Journey* (1999) (ghostwritten)
- *Alternamorphs 2: The Next Passage* (2000) (ghostwritten)

Remnants series

- *The Mayflower Project* (2001)
- *Destination Unknown* (2001)
- *Them* (2001)
- *Nowhere Land* (2002)
- *Mutation* (2002)
- *Breakdown* (2002)
- *Isolation* (2002)
- *Mother, May I?* (2002)
- *No Place Like Home* (2002)
- *Lost and Found* (2003)
- *Dream Storm* (2003)
- *Aftermath* (2003)
- *Survival* (2003)
- *Begin Again* (2003)

Everworld series

- *Search for Senna* (1999)
- *Land of Loss* (1999)
- *Enter the Enchanted* (1999)
- *Realm of the Reaper* (2000)
- *Discover the Destroyer* (2000)
- *Fear the Fantastic* (2000)
- *Gateway to the Gods* (2000)
- *Brave the Betrayal* (2000)
- *Inside the Illusion* (2000)
- *Understand the Unknown* (2000)
- *Mystify the Magician* (2001)
- *Entertain the End* (2001)

Making Out series

First edition publication dates are based upon the original publication when the series was titled *Boyfriends/Girlfriends*. Only the first eight books were written by Applegate. Books *9–28 were ghostwritten.[13] The 28 books in this series are:

- *Zoey Fools Around* (1994)
- *Jake Finds Out* (1994)
- *Nina Won't Tell* (1994)
- *Ben's In Love* (1994)
- *Claire Gets Caught* (1994)
- *What Zoey Saw* (1994)
- *Lucas Gets Hurt* (1994)
- *Aisha Goes Wild* (1994)
- *Zoey Plays Games* (1996)
- *Nina Shapes Up* (1996)
- *Ben Takes a Chance* (1996)
- *Claire Can't Lose* (1996)
- *Don't Tell Zoey* (1996)
- *Aaron Lets Go* (1996)
- *Who Loves Kate?* (1996)
- *Lara Gets Even* (1996)
- *Two-Timing Aisha* (1996)
- *Zoey Speaks Out* (1996)
- *Kate Finds Love* (1997)
- *Never Trust Lara* (1997)
- *Trouble with Aaron* (1997)
- *Always Loving Zoey* (1997)
- *Lara Gets Lucky* (1997)
- *Now Zoey's Alone* (1997)
- *Don't Forget Lara* (1998)

- *Zoey's Broken Heart* (1998)
- *Falling for Claire* (1998)
- *Zoey Comes Home* (1998)

Summer series

This series was originally published as *Making Waves* in the UK.

- *June Dreams* (1995)
- *July's Promise* (1995)
- *August Magic* (1995)
- *Beaches, Boys, and Betrayal* (1996)
- *Sand, Surf, and Secrets* (1996)
- *Rays, Romance, and Rivalry* (1996)
- *Christmas Special Edition* (1996)
- *Spring Break Reunion* (1996)
- *Tan Lines: Sand, Surf, and Secrets; Rays, Romance, and Rivalry; Beaches, Boys, and Betrayal* (2008)
- *Beach Blondes: June Dreams; July's Promise; August Magic* (2008)

Roscoe Riley Rules series

- *Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs* (2008)
- *Never Swipe a Bully's Bear* (2008)
- *Don't Swap Your Sweater for a Dog* (2008)
- *Never Swim in Applesauce* (2008)
- *Don't Tap-Dance on Your Teacher* (2009)
- *Never Walk in Shoes That Talk* (2009)
- *Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin* (2009)
- *Don't Eat A Hula Hoop* (2018)

Endling Series

- *Endling #1: The Last*[14] (2018)
- *Endling #2: The First* (2019)
- *Endling #3: The Only* (2020) — upcoming

Other books

- *Sharing Sam* (1995)
- *Listen to My Heart* (1996)
- *Home of the Brave* (2007)
- *The One and Only Ivan* (2012)
- *Eve & Adam* (with Michael Grant) (2013)
- *Crenshaw* (2015)
- *Wishtree* (2017)

- *The One and Only Bob* (2020)
- Harlequin romance novels, as Katherine Kendall
- *Girl Talk* novels, as L.E. Blair
- *Ocean City* series (republished as *Making Waves*)
- *Barf-O-Rama* series, as Pat Pollari
- Disney's *The Little Mermaid* series
- Disney's *Aladdin* series, as both A.R. Plumb and her own name
- *Silver Creek Riders* series, as Beth Kincaid
- *Love Stories* series
- *The Story of Two American Generals: Benjamin O. Davis Jr. and Colin L. Powell* (non-fiction)
- *The World's Best Jinx McGee* (1992)
- *Disney's Christmas with all the Trimmings: Original Stories and Crafts from Mickey Mouse and Friends*
- *Disney's Enter if you Dare: Scary Tales from the Haunted Mansion*, as Nicholas Stephens

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